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Summary: Principal Jean Pierre Delmas has discovered the groups' biggest secret and after speaking with his supposed dead nephew, Tanner, he chooses to help them when a spectre is sent for Kyal's codes.

1. The Meeting

**1992 >Sacré-CÅ"ur Church

Families of the students killed on Oediv were sitting on the long chairs as a young Jean Pierre Delmas. Next to him was his wife, Elanora before they divorce 8 years later and their 18 months old daughter Elisabeth in her arms. Also next to them was Jean's sister, her husband and Franz Hopper. They were devastated when they heard about Tanner's supposed death along with Tanner's girlfriend and all their friends as they tried to cope with it. Baby Sissi cried a few times but calmed down when they got to the church. The memorial had just finished and people were starting to leave as some of the mothers of the dead students cried, knowing they won't see their babies anymore. Tanner's family kept staying until they immediately left. The day of the memorial would've been Tanner's 18th birthday, September 11, 1992.

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>2007
Kadic Academy, Jeremie's Room, 9:45
a.m.**

Jeremie was at his computer, telling Tanner that his uncle Jean may have found out about the secret.

"WHAT!?" Tanner asked, shocked. "How did it happen?"

"I'm not sure." Jeremie replied. "He found out somehow, I just don't

know."

"Well, if he asks for me, let him. I need to say hello to my uncle after 15 years stuck in a virtual world."

"I can't Tanner. He'll learn about Lyoko and XANA. He could have the police shut the supercomputer down, with you and Kyly in it. You two will die." There is soon a knock at the door. "Who is it?"

The door opens, revealing Kyal, William, Odd and Ulrich. "We need to be at the principal's office." Ulrich said. "Aelita's already on her way there."

"Okay." He turned back to the computer. "Well, our fate's being sealed, wish me luck." Jeremie turned the computer off before Tanner could say something.

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>Lyoko, Desert Sector

Tanner was shocked at the sudden shut down from Jeremie's computer. "That was just rude." He said.

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>Real World, Outside Principal's Office, 10:00
a.m.

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Aelita and Yumi were waiting outside the principal's office, waiting for Jean to tell them why he summoned them and the boys to his office on a Sunday. Jeremie, Kyal, Odd, Ulrich, William soon came up to them. "We're not late, are we?" Odd asked.

"No, we're just on time." Yumi replied.

The door soon opened and Jean came out. "This way, please." He said.

The seven students head inside the office as Jean looked at Jeremie a little before closing the door.

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>Principal's Office

Since there wasn't enough seats in the office, Jeremie and Aelita were the only ones that chose to sit while the others stood. Delmas sat behind his desk and had their files by his desk. Odd's had more papers in it due to his numerous pranks and times he had been in detention.

"I'm going to be frank with you kids." He said, getting something out of his pocket. He puts it down and they realise it was the photo of Tanner and the students who were murdered on Oediv. "I picked it up after you left my office with Mr. Miller yesterday. Why do you have a photo of my nephew?"

"Research." Jeremie replied.

"On what?"

"I can't tell you, sir."

"Can't or won't?"

"I just can't."

"Well then. If you don't give me an answer in 5 seconds, I am calling each of your parents, telling them you are all expelled and banned from my school for-"

"Tanner's alive, mate." Kyal interrupted Delmas.

"Kyal!" Aelita and Jeremie yelled.

"No, tell me. How is he still alive?" Delmas asked. Everyone was silent for a bit. Jean soon stood up, angered. "Where is the proof? Where is the proof that my sister's son, Tanner Marcus Puntero is alive? WHERE IS THE PROOF!"

"On my laptop." Jeremie replied. "The proof is on my laptop."

Jean calmed down and sat down. "I want that laptop in my office, this instant, Belpois."

"Yes, sir."

"After that, I will decide on the punishment for each of you. You're all lucky I don't expel you all. Go grab the laptop, Belpois."

Jeremie stood up and went out of the office to grab his laptop.

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>Kadic Academy, Jeremie's Room

Jeremie comes into his room and puts his hands on his face and rubs his hair back. The secret he hoped to keep was found out by the principal. He was lucky he didn't get expelled, but now, he is going to face a consequence worse than detention.

"I just can not believe it." He said.

Jeremie soon picked up his laptop and went out.

2. Punishment

Kadic Academy, Principal's Office

Jeremie hands Jean his laptop and he opens it. "Interesting setup, Belpois." He said. "Don't think this is a warning. I'm assigning you all to a week's worth of duties. Belpois, you and Stern are mopping the Science Building floors."

"Mopping?" Ulrich asked.

"Yes, mopping, Stern. Della Robbia, you and your cousin, Stones are

on Library duty. Dunbar, you're assisting Mr. Rouiler in the garden. And Vince and Ishiyama. You're both with Rosa in the Cafeteria. Do I make myself clear?"

"Yes, sir." They all replied.

"I'll have Jim tell you when you're needed on your duties. You may go."

The seven teens soon left as Jean looks at the laptop.

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>Kadic Academy, Outside

As they leave, Kyal kicks a nearby soda can away. "A week of duties." He said. "I know it's not much, but this is ridiculous."

"Well, I am a little glad Delmas put me with Rosa." Yumi replied. "I know a few cooking skills that I might teach her as well."

"Yeah, she always overcooked her meat." Odd said. "An overcooked pork and Kiwi ended up throwing up all over my bed. I had to sleep on the ground for days before the mattress was cleaned up."

"Well, with a few students leaving because of Nicholas and Herb's pranks, don't you think you should get your own room." Ulrich replied. "That way I won't have Kiwi having accidents on my bed, tearing up my stuff or sleeping over my head."

"No way, man. I wouldn't leave my best friend alone."

As they make their way to their first classes, the boy from the wreck room sees Aelita and comes up to her. "You Aelita Stones?" He asked.

"Who wants to know?" Aelita replied, uninterested in the boy due to the punishment she just received.

"Excell Skyjack. Pleasure to meet you." He soon grabs Aelita's hand and is about to kiss it when Jeremie pushes him back.

"Hey, beat it!" Jeremie said, holding Aelita close and she blushes.

"Oh, you got yourself a boyfriend, Stones? Look at him, all skinny and no muscles compared to me. If you ever dump this nerd, I'll have the shoulder you can cry on when the time comes." Excell soon laughs as he walks away and Aelita gets angry.

"I've heard of Casanova, but this is ridiculous." Kyal said as they look at Excell walking away.

"Why is he here?" Aelita asked, more frustrated.

"Skyjack got kicked out of his last school for misbehaving and violating curfew." William replied.

"Like you, mate." Kyal replied.

"Uh, I actually got expelled for leaving love letters all over my last school and gluing stickers on the principal's car."

"Jeremie, once you get your laptop back, I want to know everything on him." Aelita told Jeremie.

"Of course." Jeremie replied.

"Thank you." Aelita soon kissed Jeremie and kept walking as Jeremie blushed a little.

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>Kadic Academy, Science Building, 4:50
p.m.

Jeremie and Ulrich are busy mopping the floor as Milly and Tamiya come up to them. "Jeremie, Ulrich, any words for the Kadic News on why the principal made you do some mopping?" Milly asked.

"No comment." Jeremie and Ulrich both replied. The girls groan and walk away.

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>Kadic Academy, Cafeteria, 4:55 p.m.

Kyal, sporting an apron, grabs some mayonnaise as Rosa looks at him put a tablespoon in. "Now, the trick to the dressing is sometimes reading the recipe through or try remembering by memory." He said, putting 2 scoops into a bowl with some low-fat yoghurt, mango chutney, curry powder, tomato paste, Tabasco and lemon juice. He then whisks through the dressing as Yumi was cutting some cooked potatoes.

"So, that's how you make coronation chicken and potato salad?" Rosa asked.

"Of course, there's more, but I'll show you the next one tomorrow."

3. Tarantulas on Earth!

Lyoko, Ice Sector

The tower is neutral as two Krabs and Kyly come up to it. Kyly holds her hands out and the tower soon turns red.

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>Real World, Kadic Academy, Boiler Room

The red door is shut when suddenly, a laser shot hits the door, blasting it open.

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>Kadic Academy, Principal's Office

Delmas attempts to find out stuff on the laptop, only to see files of random programs and notices one that said 'Voice Applicator'. Before he could go into it, another screen appears, revealing Tanner. "I wouldn't do that if I were you." He said to Delmas.

Delmas was amazed and looked further. "If this is a game, I'll play along." He replied. "But first, questions. What is your date of birth?"

"September 11th, 1975."

"What is your mother's name?"

""In an old house in Paris that was covered in vines lived twelve little girls in two straight lines. In two straight lines they broke their bread and brushed their teeth and went to bed. They smiled at the good and frowned at the bad and sometimes they were very sad. They left the house at half past nine-"" Tanner" was soon cut off.

""- in two straight lines in rain or shine â€" the smallest one was Madeline."" Delmas finished. "Tanner?"

"Hi, Uncle Jean."

"You really are alive."

"I am. But, not really on Earth, through."

"What happened to you? You look the same as 15 years ago." Soon, the alarm went off on the laptop, revealing an activated tower. "What just happened?"

"No time, get Jeremie, Aelita and his friends, they'll show you where I can also be contacted from."

"Um, okay." Delmas closes the laptop and presses the intercom. "Your attention, please. Jeremie Belpois, Aelita Stones, Odd Della Robbia, Ulrich Stern, Yumi Ishiyama, William Dunbar and Kyal Vince, please meet me outside, by the vending machines." He soon gets up and runs out, holding the laptop.

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>Kadic Academy, Vending Machines

Jean stops near the vending machines as the group comes up to him. "What's the problem, sir?" Yumi asked, exhausted from running.

"An alarm went off on your laptop and Tanner told me to get you all." Jean replied.

"Hand me the laptop, I think I know what it is." Jeremie said. Jean hands Jeremie the laptop, he opens it and sees the alert. "Of course. XANA!"

"XANA?"

"An evil artificial intelligence." Kyal said to Delmas. "Where's the tower?"

- "Ice Sector, south-east." Jeremie replied.
- "The same tower you made my clone?"
- "Clone?" Jean asked.
- "Long story, we need to head to the lab." Jeremie replied as he closed it and placed it in his bag.
- Soon, a few screams were heard as something comes close. Three students pass by, screaming as the thing soon turns and the group was shocked. "Oh my god." Aelita said.
- "Look at the size of that thing!" Jean said. "What is it?"
- "Tarantula." Kyal replied. "Get to the lab, I'll distract it."
- "But, it could be after the codes you have." William said.
- "Tanner still has an ability to deactivate the tower. Just get to the factory, I'll hold it back."
- "Be careful." Jean said as he followed the others as they ran off.
- Kyal grabs a big branch with his foot, kicks it up and catches it with his left hand before spinning it like his trident. "Bring it on!"

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>The Park

The group and Jean run along the park as another Tarantula soon appears and fires at them, knocking Yumi down. "Yumi!" Ulrich yelled. "Get to the factory, I'll take care of this one!"

"Good luck, Ulrich." Jeremie said as he, William, Odd, Aelita and Jean come up to the manhole and William opens it up.

"It's in the sewers?" Jean asked.

"It's through the sewers. It's how we got to the lab." They soon head in before Jean closes it to make sure the Tarantula didn't follow them if is shook off Ulrich.

End file.